HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: Capitol Hill Historic District

Address: 103 4th Street, N.E. (x) Consent ANC: (x) Concept

(x) Alteration

Meeting Date: March 24, 2022 () New Construction

Case Number: 22-179 () Demolition () Subdivision

Applicant Rosemary Harold, with plans prepared by Matthew Ossolinski, seeks concept review for a rear second story addition at a property located in the Capitol Hill Historic District.





() Agenda

The rear of 103 4th St NE from the alley and A Street (indicated with an arrow)

Property Description

103 4th Street N.E. is a two-story-plus-basement brick bay-front rowhouse designed by Charles Meads and built in 1886 as one of two. The rear elevation is mostly blocked by the rear wing of 408 A Street, N.E. which spans the rear yards of both 101 and 103 4th Street, N.E. Glancing views of the rear can be seen at an angle from the alley and A Street.

Proposal

No changes are proposed for the front elevation. A second story would be added to the existing rear addition. The second story addition would be about half glazing and half painted wood slats.

Evaluation

The addition would be minimally visible from the alley and partially visible from A Street. The rear ells in the row are relatively uniform as seen from A Street. The use of glazing and a slatted

cladding will lighten the massing of this second story, and create a modern interpretation of a rear sleeping porch- a feature commonly found and seen throughout the historic district.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the project to be compatible with the Capitol Hill historic district, and delegate final approval to staff.

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